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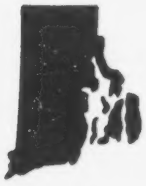

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 1,800 IN MARCH TO 412,000

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 1,800 in March, as gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector more than offset a decrease in overall Manufacturing jobs, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 412,000 in March. This represents a gain of 1,800 over the February level of 410,200 and is 8,600 jobs more than the March 1984 total of 403,400.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 300 in March to 118,200. This figure was also 900 less than the March 1984 level of 119,100. Employment in the Durable Goods sector increased by 100 from February to 80,300, but was down 1,000 compared to March 1984. The current Nondurable Goods employment total of 37,900 was 400 below the February level, but was up 100 over March 1984.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains were registered in Jewelry/Silverware (+400) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Monthly decreases of 100 each were reported in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their February employment levels. On an annual basis, employment increases were posted in Transportation Equipment (+600) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). The largest job declines from a year ago were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-700), Electrical Machinery (-300), and Instruments (-200). Decreases of 100 each were reported in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

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JOBS FOR RHODE ISLAND GRADUATES

"OPTIONS '85" JOB FAIRS

"Jobs For Rhode Island Graduates" is a comprehensive fifteen week job-readiness program sponsored by the Rhode Island Job Service and the R.I. Department of Education conducted in high schools throughout the State. The program provides high school seniors with job search skills as they prepare to enter the labor market following graduation. It emphasizes vocational exploration, employment applications, the interview process, employer expectations, etc. Some 1,400 general track and vocational students in thirty-three high schools are currently participating.

The program concludes with "Options '85", a series of job options fairs scheduled at three sites next month:

May 2 CCRI, Flanagan Campus
Lincoln, Rhode Island

May 6 CCRI, Knight Campus
Warwick, Rhode Island

May 7 Roger Williams College
Bristol, Rhode Island

The Options Fair affords an employer the opportunity to screen applicants and discuss potential job openings within their company or organization at whatever site is nearest the company location. The goal of "Options '85" is to have as many employers as possible participate.

All employers interested in participating in these Job Options Fairs are asked to contact the Rhode Island Job Service, Project STEADY Office, at 277-6813 or 723-5911. Employers can make arrangements for exhibits or list job openings.

JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
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TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
Call-A-Teen . . . . . .Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Total Placements	1,126	916	1,366
New Applications	4,831	4,049	3,868
New Openings Rec'd.	2,784	1,541	2,639

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	% Change Feb. 1985
Initial Claims	9,921	10,301	- 3.7
No. of Payments	72,695	71,743	+ 1.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,742,309	$ 8,653,366	+ 1.0
Exhaustions	1,244	990	+ 25.7

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985
Initial Claims	1,476	1,224
No. of Payments	7,769	6,892
Amount of Payments	$ 829,378	$ 733,493

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	490.1	488.8	481.8
Unemployment	28.3	27.6	29.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.8	5.6	6.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.3	4.9	5.6

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployed Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	328.1	329.7	324.8
Unemployment	17.8	16.3	21.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	4.9	6.7

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	136.6	138.0	137.3
Unemployment	9.5	9.5	12.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	6.9	8.7

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	38,955	38,995	36,345
Unemployment	1,570	1,430	2,070
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.7	5.7

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	412.0	410.2	403.4	+ 1,800	+ 8,600
MANUFACTURING	118.2	118.5	119.1	- 300	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	293.8	291.7	284.3	+ 2,100	+ 9,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.3	10.9	10.8	+ 400	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.4	13.2	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.4	87.7	84.5	+ 700	+ 3,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.9	23.7	22.3	+ 200	+ 1,600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	98.8	98.2	95.5	+ 600	+ 3,300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	57.8	58.0	+ 200	-

1985 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1984 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.2	118.5	119.1	- 300	- 900	$306.77	$299.52	41.4	41.6	$ 7.41	$ 7.20
DURABLE GOODS	80.3	80.2	81.3	+ 100	-1,000	306.69	296.74	41.5	41.1	7.39	7.22
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 100	310.84	282.65	40.9	38.3	7.60	7.56
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 100	+ 100	369.65	368.34	40.8	40.7	9.06	9.05
PRIMARY METALS	6.0*	6.1*	6.1	- 100	- 100	380.62	358.28	43.4	42.5	8.77	8.43
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.4	9.4	- 100	- 100	265.60	269.20	40.0	40.3	6.64	6.68
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.2*	6.2*	- 100	- 100	414.79	382.55	43.8	42.6	9.47	8.98
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.0	12.3	0	- 300	286.34	271.26	41.2	41.1	6.95	6.60
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.1	10.1	9.5	0	+ 600	434.00	401.44	42.3	41.3	10.25	9.72
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	4.8	4.9	- 100	- 200	316.64	309.60	44.1	43.3	7.18	7.15
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.6	22.2	23.3	+ 400	- 700	246.80	220.41	40.0	38.6	6.17	5.71
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 100	234.20	219.26	34.8	34.1	6.73	6.43
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	38.3	37.8	- 400	+ 100	293.93	290.79	40.1	40.5	7.33	7.18
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.5	3.1	- 300	+ 100	241.70	231.11	37.3	38.2	6.48	6.05
TEXTILES	11.1	11.1	11.3	0	- 200	315.82	306.50	41.5	41.7	7.61	7.35
APPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.5	- 100	- 200	251.22	244.61	39.5	40.1	6.36	6.10
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	276.45	271.35	41.2	42.2	6.71	6.43
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 200	391.33	374.92	37.7	36.4	10.38	10.30
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	402.70	381.11	40.8	40.5	9.87	9.41
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	305.14	311.74	41.8	41.4	7.30	7.53
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	299.15	292.16	38.6	38.8	7.75	7.53
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	213.79	199.14	40.8	39.2	5.24	5.08

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. In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly decreases were registered in Food/Beverage (-300) and Apparel (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from the previous month. On an annual comparison, the largest increase in the number of jobs was reported in Printing/Publishing (+200). Food/Beverage, Paper Products, and Rubber Products each gained 100 jobs from one year ago. Both Textiles and Apparel showed annual decreases of 200. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from March 1984.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries increased 2,100 from February to March, primarily due to hiring in Trade, Services and Construction. The current level of 293,800 also represents an increase of 9,500 jobs over the March 1984 total of 284,300.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+700) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 88,400, Trade payrolls were also up 3,900 from the previous March. Employment in the Service industries increased by 600 to a level of 98,800, which was 3,300 higher than in March 1984. Contract Construction employment, at 11,300, reflected a monthly gain of 400 and an annual increase of 500. Both Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,900, and Government, at 58,000, increased 200 jobs from February to March. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 1,600 and the latter was unchanged. Transportation and Public Utilities employment at 13,400, remained at its February level, but this represents a gain of 200 jobs from a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 7 cents in March to $7.41. This represents a 21 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.5 of an hour in March to 41.4 hours, but this was 0.2 of an hour less than the March 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in March amounted to $306.77, which was $6.56 higner than last month and $7.25 more than in March of last year.

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